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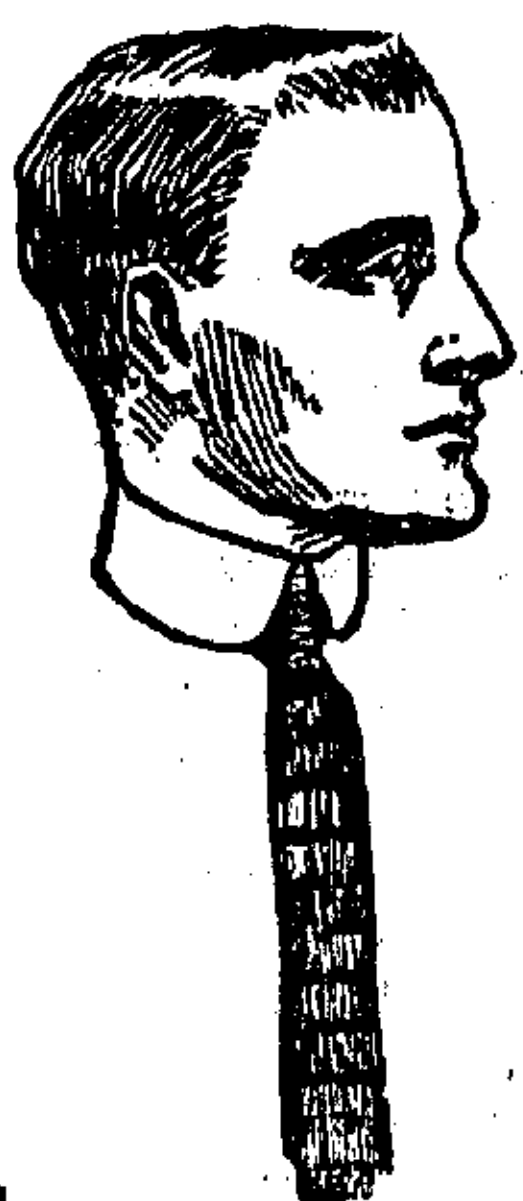
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HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

Messrs. Vernon & Smyth, in their weekly share report dated the 3rd Aug., 1917, state:—

Our last report was dated 27th July and, in the interval, a rather better feeling has developed in some sections of our local market, more particularly in 'Docks, Wharves, and Cements, which show an improvement upon recent quotations. The market for investment securities remains very dull, in sympathy with the rising tendency of Sterling exchange.

Shanghai market for Cotton shares has been fairly active and closes steady at quotations. Singapore market for Rubber Shares remains firm, but prices show only small variations. The following are to-day's wired quotations for Rubber shares, in Straits currency:—

Alor Gajahs	4.40
Ayer Panas	11.25
Glencalyss	2.50
Kedahs	4.50
Kempas	5.20
Malaka Pindas	2.87
Malakoffs	4.65
New Serendangs	4.50
Sandycrofts	4.80
Tapahs	21.00

Plantation Rubber in London is quoted 2/9. 1/2. Star Silver is quoted 40s. Sterling T.T. is 2/14. Singapore T.T. is 11 1/2. Shanghai T.T. and the Bank's buying rate for 3d/s. Bills are both nominal.

BANKS.—Hongkong and Shanghai are unchanged at \$665, at which rate a few sales have been made and a few more shares are obtainable.

MARINE INSURANCES.—No business is reported. Yangtzes are rather better at \$105 with ex. 75. Unions continue to offer at \$53, and Cantons could be got at \$33. North Chinas are nominal at Tls. 140.

FIRE INSURANCES.—China Fires are wanted at \$143. Hongkong Fires are easier, with sellers at \$315, and buyers offering \$305.

SHIPPING.—There is no change in this market and no transactions are reported except a few Star Ferries at \$29. Douglas remain at \$85, and Indo-China Deferred at \$101 1/2, both nominal. Steamboats are also nominal at \$18.

OUTS.—Shells are wanted at 120/- cum all. Langkats could be placed in the North at Tls. 15. Ural Caspians are nominal at 32/-.

REFINERIES.—No business has been done and prices are unchanged with buyers of Malabons at \$29, and China Sugars nominal at \$98.

MINES.—Kallans are in request at 24/6, and Ruabs at \$24.5, but without bringing out sellers. Tronchs are nominal at 25/6.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.—A fairly large business has been done in this section and prices, mostly, show an improvement. A good demand for Hongkong and Whampoa Docks lifted the price steadily to \$115 cash, and business was put through at \$120 September, and \$121 October. Market closes with buyers at \$117 cash. Kowloon Wharves have also improved materially, and, after sales at intermediate prices, they close with probable buyers at \$75 cash, and corresponding rates forward. Shanghai Docks have somewhat weakened, and after sales at Tls. 87 cum div., they finish with buyers at Tls. 78 ex div. of Tls. 9.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—There is nothing to report, beyond sales of Humphreys at \$64. Hotels are wanted at \$98, and West Point at \$99. Centrals are offering at \$95. Lands nominal at \$91.

COTTON MILLS.—This has been a fairly good market. Ewos are in request at \$182, Kung Yiks at Tls. 151, and Yangtzepons at Tls. 51. Shanghai Cottons improved to Tls. 136, but close with probable sellers at the rate.

MISCELLANEOUS.—A moderate demand for Cements sufficed to raise the price to \$7.35, at which they close steady. Talcum have come to business at \$6.40. Tea China. Providents at \$7.90, and further shares in the latter Company are wanted at quotation. Electricies are in demand at \$48, as are Steam Laundries at \$3.40. China Lights were done at \$4, which remains the nominal quotation. Other quotations are nominal at rates quoted in list.

Memo.—Next Settlement Day, 20th August.

COTTON AND YARN MARKET.

Messrs. Polishwalla & Kotwalla, cotton and yarn brokers, of Hongkong, in their report dated August 3rd, state:

Since our last report on the 18th ult., our yarn market had kept up a very firm tone, and the rates advanced \$10 to \$15 all round. Chinese buyers were continuously buying at these high prices up to the first part of the interval, but, on learning the sudden news of special arrangements of tonnage for shipments of yarn from Bombay, latterly withheld making any fresh purchases, and are now anxiously watching the movements of shipments from India, which a great way to affect our market.

The prices in India are still very high, and from the present prospects do not show any tendency towards a decline in the near future.

Owing to very scanty arrivals from Japan, a big rise of \$17 has taken place in 20s yarn, which is keenly inquired for.

At the close there is very little business, but our market keeps comparatively steady.

Sales amount to about 5,000 bales. Stocks are estimated at 27,000 bales, including about 24,000 bales for export.

ARRIVALS.—The mail steamer *Malta* and *Sardinia* and extra steamer *Indo Maru*, from Bombay and *Gregory* from Calcutta, have brought in 3,500 bales for Hongkong and 11,000 bales for Shanghai.

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CANTON BRITISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

ENTERTAINMENT TO CHINESE OFFICIALS AND MERCHANTS.

A very successful entertainment was given by the members of the British Chamber of Commerce, Canton, last Monday, when their Excellencies the Military and Civil Governors of Kwangtung, together with many Chinese Officials, the Committees of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, the Silk Guild, the Export Guild, and a large number of leading merchants were entertained at a dinner held at the Victoria Hotel, Shamoon.

The Chair was occupied by Mr. J. W. Jamieson, C.M.G. (H.B.M. Consul-General), Honorary President of the Chamber, who, in an excellent speech welcomed the guests on behalf of the members, and, in tracing the history of the Chamber, urged the need of the formation of a General Chinese Association, the Committee of which would be representative of the various guilds now in existence. Such a body, he pointed out, would tend to increase the present friendly relations between Chinese and British merchants in Canton.

Their Excellencies the Military and Civil Governors responded to the toast on behalf of the guests, Dr. Lin Tio Fung, Secretary to the Civil Governor, ably interpreting the speeches.

After dinner, the guests witnessed an exhibition of British War Films, including the Battle of the Somme, the Ancre, etc., which were shown in the Canton Club Theatre, and at which there was present, also, a large number of Chinese merchants who were unable to attend the dinner.

The arrangements for the evening were in the hands of Mr. O. Eager and Mr. W. Farmer, who, together with the Committee, are to be congratulated on the success of the gathering, the first of its kind to be held in Canton.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL ORGAN FUND.

The amount subscribed up to date is \$5,040. The work of taking down the organ commenced on the 3rd July, and its reconstruction is expected to be completed before Christmas.

The necessary expenditure is \$4,500, the recommended expenditure \$7,000; as it is hoped to reach the latter sum, intending subscribers are requested to send their names to the Acting Chaplain (Rev. H. G. H. Griffith) or the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. F. B. L. Bowley) as soon as possible.

The following is a list of subscriptions to date:—

H.E. Sir F. H. May, K.C.M.G.	\$250.00
Mr. W. L. Patenden	250.00
Mr. N. J. Stubb	250.00
Hon. Mr. C. E. Anton	200.00
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Mr. G. K. Nuttall	200.00
Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co.	200.00
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Staff of Hongkong and Shanghai Bank	75.00
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SHANGHAI reports also show a lively demand all round in the beginning of the fortnight, but the same quiet tone prevailing at the close.

JAPANESE YARNS.—Owing to prohibitive rates all Japanese Mills have stopped producing yarn, consequently arrivals of yarn from Japan have ceased altogether.

The following are latest quotations:—Nagasaki, No. 20s at \$345; 3 Horses, No. 10s at \$270; 3 Horses, No. 20s at \$250; Yellow Joss, No. 20s at \$250; Sateen, No. 10s at \$200; Sateen, No. 20s at \$200; and Blue Fish, No. 20s at \$200.

Raw Cotton.—No. 20s at \$245; 3 Horses, No. 20s at \$245; 3 Horses, No. 20s at \$245; 3 Horses, No. 20s at \$245.

Chinese Quotations.—Bengal, at \$41.10; 60s; Chinese, at \$50 to \$60 per picul.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEERS.

CORPS ORDERS BY CAPTAIN J. H. W. ARMSTRONG, V.D.

1.—STRENGTH.

Private D. G. M. Bernard rejoined the Corps on 2.8.17, is re-allotted Corps No. 1,231 and posted to Scouts Company. No. 1,461 Lee-Corpl. F. L. da Rosa is permitted to resign, on leaving the Colony, dated 27.7.17.

2.—LEAVE.

Second Lieut. D. Templeton is granted 1 month's leave, from 30.8.17. No. 1,931 Spr. J. E. Hansen is granted 3 months' extension of sick leave, from 26.7.17. No. 1,560 Pte. N. D. Pullen is granted 1 month's sick leave, from 2.8.17.

3.—MEDICAL STAFF.

Reference Corps Order No. 4 dated 20.7.17. Surg. Lieut. Smalley will attend daily (Sundays excepted) at Headquarters from 9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. for sick parade.

4.—DRESS.

Two large pouches will be worn at all parades for tests of Elementary Training.

5.—ENGINEER COMPANY.

Detail of duties at Lyceum from 1st to 10th August, 1917, is posted at Headquarters.

6.—PARADES.

Tuesday, 7th instant:—7.10 a.m. Scouts Company M. G. Detachment at Headquarters.

7.30 a.m. Belchers 6 Section at Belchers Battery.

5 p.m. Left Section M. G. Co. and Civil Service Company at King's Park Range, Annual Musketry Course.

5.30 p.m. Artillery Battery (Range-takers only) at Belchers Battery.

5.30 p.m. Recruits of all units at Headquarters under Surgt.-Major Wicomb, Corpl. Grimes and Corpl. Edgcombe.

5.30 p.m. Stratcher Bearer Section at Headquarters.

5.45 p.m. Signalling Section, "A" and "B" classes at Happy Valley.

Wednesday, 8th instant:—5 p.m. Left Section M. G. Co. and Civil Service Company at King's Park Range, Annual Musketry Course.

5.30 p.m. Right Section M. G. Co. and Scouts Company at Headquarters under unit Commanders. Tests of Elementary Training.

Thursday, 9th instant:—7.10 a.m. Scouts Company M. G. Detachment at Headquarters.

3.30 a.m. Belchers 6 Section (Layers class only) at Belchers Battery.

5 p.m. Left Section M. G. Co. and Civil Service Company at King's Park Range, Annual Musketry Course.

5.30 p.m. Artillery Battery (Layers and Setters only) at Belchers Battery.

5.30 p.m. Mounted Section at Jockey Club Stables.

Friday, 10th instant:—7.10 a.m. Scouts Company (men detailed by Corpl. Cassidy) at Headquarters, Musketry instruction.

7.30 a.m. Belchers 6 Section (Range-takers class and Gun Numbers, as detailed only) at Belchers Battery.

5.30 p.m. Artillery Battery (Gun numbers other than specialists) at Belchers Battery.

5.30 p.m. Right Section M. G. Co. at Headquarters under unit Commander. Tests of Elementary Training.

5.30 p.m. Recruits of all units on Murray Parade Ground under Sergt.-Major Wicomb, Corpl. Grimes and Corpl. Edgcombe.

5.30 p.m. Signalling Section, "B" class at R. A. Theatre.

Saturday, 11th instant:—4.30 p.m. Special Parade at Headquarters for members of the Corps (Infantry) unable to attend drills ordered on 8th and 10th inst. One M. C. O. from each unit sending men will attend.

7.—DETAIL.

On duty 5th instant, Scouts Company. On duty 6th instant, Scouts Company. On duty 7th instant, Right Section M. G. Co.

On duty 8th instant, Centre Section M. G. Co.

On duty 9th instant, Scouts Company. On duty 10th instant, Scouts Company. On duty 11th instant, Right Section M. G. Co.

Orderly Officer from 5th to 11th instant, Lieut. Wright.

G. N. STEWART, Capt.

Adjutant, H.K.V.R. Hongkong, August 3rd, 1917.

CAPT. RIEPENHAUSEN.

ADMIRALTY RECONSIDERS ITS REFUSAL TO ISSUE SECRET ORDERS TO HIM.

After refusing for nine months to issue their secret orders to Captain James Riepenhausen, of the Blue Funnel Line, on account of his ancestry, the Admiralty have now changed their minds.

Captain Riepenhausen is again to receive the official confidential instructions without which no captain can now take a ship to sea, and will shortly command a new ship.

When the case was discussed in the House of Commons it was pointed out on behalf of the Admiralty that the instructions could only be issued to masters who were British subjects and were the sons of parents who, at the time of the son's birth, were themselves British subjects by birth or naturalization.

Capt. Riepenhausen, a master mariner, in the service of Messrs. Alfred Holt & Co. of Liverpool, for ten years, was born in Scotland. His father was born in Hanover a few weeks after Hanover was separated from Great Britain.

At the age of thirteen the father settled in Scotland, became a merchant captain, was naturalised, and married a Scots woman.

Until May, 1913, Capt. Riepenhausen received the Admiralty instructions without question.—*Evening News*.

HONGKONG RESERVES.

ORDERS BY MAJOR WAKEMAN, O.C., H.K.V.R.

DETAIL.

On duty from the morning of Sunday, 5th August, to the morning of Sunday, 12th August.—H.K.V.C.

Next for duty—"B" Coy. H.K.V.R. Orderly Officer—Lieut. B. Branch.

PARADES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 11TH AUGUST.

Monday, 6th instant:—Nil.

Tuesday, 7th instant:—"A" and "B" Coys, Recruits, Machine Gun Section, Mounted Section, and Signallers on the road outside the Orderly Room at 5.15 p.m. Tai-koo Section on the Polo Ground at 5.30 p.m. Kowloon Dock Section at Kowloon Docks at 5.15 p.m. for tests of Elementary Training Musketry. Dress: Drill Order, except Kowloon Dock Section which may parade in plain clothes. Officers and N.C.Os. will commence conducting the tests laid down in paras. 297-299, Chap. IV, Musketry Regulations, Part 1 1909 (Reprint 1912). Copies of the paras. referred to may be obtained on application at the Orderly Room.

Every man, including exempted members, must attend this parade. Coy. Sergt-Majors will send to the Adjutant on 8th August a list of all absentees, noting therein those absent from the Colony on sick leave.

Wednesday, 8th instant:—All members of "D" Coy will attend at the Cricket Club Pavilion at 5.15 p.m. for a lecture by C.S.M. F. L. Cooke on Elementary Training Musketry. Dress: Plain Clothes, Rifles.

Thursday, 9th instant:—"A" and "B" Signalling Section will parade at Happy Valley for Station Work. Fall in at Monument 5.30 p.m., and "C" Class at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Clean Fatigue.

Machine Gun Section at Wellington Barracks at 5.15 p.m. Dress: Clean Fatigue.

Mounted Section at Polo Ground at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Drill Order.

Friday, 10th instant:—Recruits on the Cricket Ground at 5.15 p.m. under Instructor Sergt. Oxberry. Dress: Drill Order.

Saturday, 11th instant:—Nil.

STRENGTH.

Pte. J. S. Jennings, having joined is allotted Corps No. 660 and posted to Coy. "A," Platoon No. 3 Section 12.

No. 549 Pte. G. A. Pentreath is permitted to resign on appointment as 2nd Lieutenant Indian Army Reserve of Officers with effect from 7th July, 1917.

TRANSFER.

No. 25 Pte. J. Hutchings is transferred to "D" Coy.

(Sd.) C. CHAMPKIN, Capt., Adjutant, H.K.V.R. Hongkong, August 3rd, 1917.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

HONGKONG AND CHINA DISTRICT.

Y. J. C. DIVISION.

Tuesday, August 7th:—8 p.m. Squad and Stratcher Drill.

Thursday, August 9th:—8 p.m. Squad and Stratcher Drill.

SAIYINGPEN DIVISION.

Tuesday, August 7th:—4 p.m. Squad and Stratcher Drill.

Friday, August 10th:—4 p.m. Squad and Stratcher Drill.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE DIVISION.

Monday, August 6th:—4 p.m. Squad and Stratcher Drill.

Thursday, August 9th:—3 p.m. Bandaging Practice.

4 p.m. Squad and Stratcher Drill.

(Sd.) E. RAUERS, (Officer in Charge of District), Hongkong, August 4th, 1917.

THE CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.

The work of construction on this railway has been going on at a snail's pace (says the Chinese Press), and activities from both the Canton and Hupeh ends seem to have been manifest spasmodically at long intervals, for one reason or another, although, it must be understood, and fault does not lie with the engineers or with Chinese officials who are responsible for its construction.

From the Hupeh end, only the

PEKING NOTES.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PEKING, July 27th.

STRENGTHENING THE ADMINISTRATION.

Notwithstanding the trouble in the south and the disaffection of the visionary ex-President, Sun Yat-sen, and his equally impracticable ally, Tang Shao-yi, who profess to see in the Premier an opponent of the Republic, distinct progress has been made towards consolidating the Administration. The Cabinet has not been completed, and Feng Kuo-chang, the Acting President, has signified his intention of coming to Peking. That such progress should have been accomplished within twelve days of the fighting in Peking which eliminated Chang Hsun as a military and political factor indicates that the Premier and his Ministers are working with a concerted purpose and a will not always characteristic of Chinese administration.

Apparently the Premier has declined to be distracted by the vapourings of Sun Yat-sen, Tang Shao-yi, and the disgraced members of Parliament who are threatening to set up another administration and Parliament, with Canton as the capital. At this distance it is rather difficult justly to appraise this movement at its actual value. It may have a considerable body of public opinion behind it, especially in the South, and it may also have the negligible support of a portion of the Navy, but reports reaching here of fighting in the neighbourhood of Canton and telegrams received from various leaders prove an absence of unanimity in the matter of opposing Tuan Chi-jui, the Prime Minister and saviour of the Republic from the Manchu Restoration carried out by Chang Hsun and his pig-tailed warriors. After all, it must be difficult to rouse people to "save the Republic" when it has already been saved for them by Tuan Chi-jui, and it will call for all the plausibilities and sophistries of Sun Yat-sen to convince men that constitutional government is really endangered. That being so, Tuan Chi-jui has proceeded with his work of re-organising the administration, a task in which he is being assisted by men of considerable ability and of recognised standing in the country, and once the government is established with the legal President at its head, it will be in a position to deal with Southern recalcitrants, if necessary.

Rumour has been busy with the suggestion that the President and the Premier did not see eye to eye, but the published exchanges between the two, both telegraphic and written, disprove these statements. It has also been suggested, with perhaps a little more knowledge of the personality of the President, that the latter would not leave Nanking for Peking until he was assured that the opposition in the South was not of a very serious matter. Feng Kuo-chang's characteristic caution and inclination to benevolent neutrality in all disputes would lead many people to indulge in such an anticipation, but if Feng's communications to Peking are to be taken seriously there seems to be little doubt that he will come north before many more days have passed. One explanation of his delay is that several prominent men have addressed telegrams to Li Yuan-hung urging him to retain the Presidency, and, having regard to Oriental etiquette, Feng cannot show unseemly haste to take up the Presidential responsibility if there is the slightest possibility of Li changing his mind.

For a few days it seemed as if the Cabinet were wavering on the subject of Parliament. Advocates of the restoration of the dissolved Assembly pleaded that such a course would disarm the opposition of the Kuomintang party, and would tend to unity; but it is not to be wondered at that the Premier and his colleagues declined to take the risk of calling together a body whose Kuomintang majority consistently opposed every policy of the Premier and that, too, after it had approved of his nomination as Premier and as Minister of War. The expediency of summoning Parliament was discussed at several meetings of the Cabinet, but it has now been decided, apparently, not to reconvoke Parliament but to call together a National Council composed of representatives from each Province, to draft a constitution and an election law under which the new Parliament would be elected. Naturally, this

proposal is not acceptable to those Kuomintang M.P.s. who thus lose their jobs and their good salaries, and it is only to be expected that they will do all in their power to oppose it, but this "rice bowl" patriotism is becoming too obvious to be convincing.

Imprecability is chronic with the Chinese Government, but the affliction is more than usually acute these days. Fortunately, however, the administration has the good will and support of the Foreign Powers, and facilities were given for the release of a substantial salt surplus for last month and will be given for an early release of this month's at the due date. Several of the Provinces have sent in their monthly remittances, which may be taken more as evidence of loyalty than of financial comfort. Money is urgently needed, and the Minister of Finance opened inquiries with a view to obtaining it from Japanese sources. These negotiations, however, had to be abandoned when it was announced that no such loan could be made without the consent of the Consortium bankers. This objection may be waived, or some agreement may be made which admits of nominal participation of the Quadruple Group. Meantime, the Bank of China has commenced partial specie payment, \$20,000 in silver being handed daily to the police to exchange for one dollar notes. This will mean the revival of long queues of men and women outside the several police-stations waiting in wet and shine for many weary hours in order to get one silver dollar for the note they hold, for presumably, only one note will be exchanged per person, as usual. Cynics suggest, of course, that the friends and relatives of the police officers and others who have made friends by little presents will have all the facilities, while others will be unlucky. This partial resumption of specie payment may inspire some little confidence in the Banks and may send up the value of the notes by a few points, but it will not solve the difficulties which have to be encountered. This can only be done by a substantial loan. It is reported that the Bank of Communications may also commence partial resumption of specie payment next month, but, like the other, this can only be regarded as "look see" pidgeon, intended to enhance the reputation of the Bank before it is in a proper position to claim its pre-mortgage standing.

Another subject which the Cabinet has been discussing is that of declaring war upon Germany. The only question which arises is whether they should wait for the calling of some kind of Parliament or decide upon their own responsibility, subsequently inviting Parliament, when assembled, to ratify this decision. There seems to be little doubt that if the Cabinet do so they will have the approval of the Executive Ministers and the government will receive the assistance promised by the Foreign Governments. With this assistance and support the position of the new government would be enormously strengthened.

Before leaving political topics it should be mentioned that the Dutch Minister has declined to surrender Chang Hsun to the Chinese Government. Meantime, friends are endeavouring to obtain a pardon for Chang Hsun, some of the arguments being that he was not the only imperialist and that he should not be singled out for punishment. Perhaps the quality of mercy in high places may not be able to resist such appeals. The remainder of Chang's troops at Hsueh-fu are, apparently, to be transferred to the command of N. Shih-chung, who succeeds to Chang's office as High Inspector of the Yangtze Valley, a position which many feel will tempt him to commit the excesses which Chang Hsun permitted in regard to the Tientsin-Pukow Railway.

EXTENSIVE FLOODING.

The much overdue rain has come at length and in such volume that it has been transformed from a blessing to a calamity. Crops have suffered badly, and the yield will prove much less than was expected, while the extensive flooding has done much damage to property. The mud and stone houses of the North are not built to withstand such excess rainfall, with the result that there have been many collapses in and out of the city, while the so-called foreign structures have not been improved by serious leakage. A washout has taken place on the Peking-Mukden Railway near Talingho, and the service has consequently been interrupted.

SIR JONAS JORDAN.

Reports from London indicate that Sir John Jordan will soon be returning to Peking. He was recently on a holiday in Ireland. The June number of the *Geographical Journal* contains the report of a lecture delivered by Mr. Wilton, of the British Legation here, on a trip through Yunnan, and the British Minister was one of the subsequent speakers. In this connection it is worthy of note that Mr. Wilton—who, by the way, is an Opium Commissioner—expressed the unorthodox opinion that men in the South who took opium in moderation and ate plenty of food were capable of more exertion in those malarial districts. This view ought to be worth something to the Opium Combine.

PERSONAL.

I understand that Captain Denny has left London for Peking, whither he comes as assistant military attaché to Colonel Robertson.

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY
REPORT ON THE BRITISH
SECTION FOR 1916.

In his Report on the British Section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway for 1916, Mr. H. P. Winslow, the manager, says:—
The new Terminal Passenger Station at Kowloon, which was commenced on March 1st, 1914, was completed and opened to the public on March 28th, and the commodious accommodation now provided is much appreciated by the travelling public and the staff alike.

The materials for the roofing of the platform have not yet been delivered, the contract time being extended on account of the war.

The arrival of the Pooley weighbridge was unfortunately delayed, but the greater portion of it has now reached the Colony, and it is hoped to erect it early in the coming year. The Avery weighing machine has been installed in the concourse area, Kowloon station. During the year the extension to the Locomotive Yard, which included the laying of about 3,400 yards of new track and 18 sets of crossings was completed, as also the extension of the Locomotive Shed by 112 feet. The completion of the new Running Shed, 500 feet by 30 feet, mentioned in my last year's report, was, however, delayed by the difficulty in obtaining possession of a small lot of house property standing on the site. As the original roofing ordered for these two buildings was unobtainable, and the asbestos-cement corrugated roofing sent out from England as a substitute proved to be totally unsuitable to the requirements of this country, it was decided to construct the Running Shed in reinforced concrete and brickwork, roofed with Marseille tiles, while a reinforced concrete roof was adapted to the Locomotive shed extension.

It is a matter of regret that I am again unable to report that through traffic has been maintained throughout the year with Canton. Internal troubles in the Kwangtung province are responsible for this. Fighting occurred at Nam Kong station at the end of April and spread to Shek Lung. On June 10th, No. 3 down express was wrecked by robbers between Nam Kong and Sun Tung on the Chinese Section. An American missionary and one Chinese were killed and 13 Chinese injured. The line at the same point was again damaged on July 23rd by revolutionaries and the telegraph wires cut. From that date traffic was completely disorganised between Shek Lung and Canton, but a service of trains between Hongkong and Shek Lung was continued to August 14th, when fighting began in the neighbourhood of Shum Chun, which necessitated the cancelling of all out local trains which were run to Lowu from the 15th to 19th. On the 20th it was found possible to run trains to Shek Lung, but on the 25th fighting again took place at Wang Lik, and the through train service had to be suspended until the 26th, and on the 30th a curtailed through train service was resumed, the up and down mid-day express trains being cancelled.

Notwithstanding the frequent suspension of the train service the receipts show an increase when compared with the previous year.

In February, the tramway system was adopted on the Fanling Branch Line, seven new halts were made and a two cent fare charged between each. This has so far proved a success and seems to be appreciated, as the earnings of the line show an increase of \$3,923.17 over the previous year, the number of passengers carried being 67,608 as against 47,928 in 1915.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The estimated capital expenditure for the year was \$386,108, but, owing to the delay in the delivery of materials from England, only \$209,380.74 of this sum was required and, after the deduction of \$10,670.25 received by sale of old construction plant and materials, the year's expenditure amounted to \$168,715.49.

It has been the custom in the past for the stores in suspense account to appear as a sub-head in the construction account, but as it was decided to transfer this to a separate account, the value of the stores at the end of 1915 (\$109,315.49) has been deducted. The construction cost of the main line to end of the year now stands at \$14,710,917.29 and the Fanling branch \$89,808.57.

The revenue statements of earnings and expenditure follow the line previously adopted. The expenditure of all departments have been carefully watched, and, with the exception of the excess of \$46,025.38 under locomotive expenses, sub-head fuel, which was due to an advance in the price of coal, the estimates have not been exceeded, and this sum was reduced to \$4,099.76 by savings under other heads of the locomotive expenses.

In spite of the increased cost of coal the percentage of expenditure to gross receipts show a decrease of 8.45 per cent, when compared with the previous year. The working expenses amounted to \$206,601.63 against an estimate of \$213,945.

The revenue derived from through passenger traffic was \$192,858.39. It was not to be expected that the estimated figure of \$250,000 would be reached in view of the unsettled conditions prevailing in the Kwangtung province.

The through goods traffic amounted to \$18,407.50, or about 35 per cent, more than the previous year and it is hoped that with the establishment of the goods agency this traffic will increase.

The local passenger receipts show an improvement on 1915. The increase in first and second class is largely due to the going traffic.

The local passengers carried were as follows:—

(Continued at foot of next column.)

FORESTRY IN HONGKONG.
REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
FOR 1916.

The report on the Botanical and Forestry Department for 1916 by Mr. W. J. Titcher, the Superintendent, states:—

Formation of Pine Tree Plantations.—On the hills in the vicinity of the Fanling Golf Course 40,000 one-year old seedlings were planted, in the Cheungshawan reservoir catchment area 15,000, in the Tytan catchment area 25,000, at Kowloon Tsai 10,000, in King's Park 370, and on Chang Chau Island 100.

On grass banks on the southern slopes of the Kowloon hills 52 lbs. of pine tree seeds were sown broadcast.

Broadleaved Trees Planted.—In the Tytan catchment area 3,380 Eucalyptus and 700 *Trichostema* seedlings were planted. In the Pokfulam valley 780 *Metelaea* and 210 *Tristania* were put in, and on Cheung Chau Island 200 *Trichostema*, 195 *Banania* seedlings and 50 *Banania* cuttings.

In the vicinity of the Fanling Golf Course the following seedling trees were planted:—2,437 *Eucalyptus*, 2,775 *Metelaea*, 1,434 *Tristania*, 24 *Albizia*, 24 *Aleurites*, 4 *Celtis*, 13 *Ficus infectoria*, and 7 *Campylopus*.

Owing to the excessively dry weather at the end of the year—only 92 of an inch of rain fell in the last three months—fires were very numerous, no less than 35 being reported for the last quarter.

One of the biggest fires occurred near Deepwater Bay, where 10,000 trees were killed and many more injured. Another was near the Saikung Road, where 2,000 trees were badly damaged. Both these fires were caused, in all probability, by pedestrians throwing away unextinguished matches, cigarettes or cigars.

Forest Guards Service.—The number of persons proceeded against for committing forestry offences was 395 compared with 263 in the previous year. Out of this number 353 were convicted, 9 had their bail forfeited, and 2 were required to sign personal bonds, and of the 31 discharges, 16 were cautioned.

The District Officer was asked to warn the villagers of Tai Wai as it was found that considerable damage to trees and shrubs was going on in the vicinity of this village.

Considerable damage to plantations was also discovered in the plantations near Ngau-tau-ko, Malatong, and Shek-lui and the villagers of these places were warned by the Assistant District Officer at my request.

Planting and Care of Roadside Trees.—One thousand three hundred and eighty-nine trees and shrubs were planted along side roads or in the vicinity of roads in Hongkong and Kowloon. The principal roads planted were Pokfulam, Aberdeen, Victoria, Little Hongkong, Deepwater Bay, and Brimwood.

Fanling-Castle Peak Road.—Five hundred and ninety-four trees consisting of *Poinciana*, *Metelaea*, *Albizia* and *Campylopus* were planted on the newly completed side of the road between Fanling and Santin. Trees previously planted between Fanling and Castle Peak which had failed, from one cause or another, were replaced.

Fanling-Taiipo Road.—One hundred and fifty-three trees were planted between Taiipo market and Taiipo and failures were made good. Many of the trees along these roads, principally *Poinciana* and *Albizia*, are now big enough to give a certain amount of shade but others have not done so well. They have had many difficulties to contend with, including straying cattle, Chinese boys, insects, and strong winds.

Fanling Hills.—In addition to the pine and broad-leaved trees planted on the hills around the Golf Course upwards of 5,500 flowering trees and shrubs were put in.

Clearing Undergrowth around Houses.—The clearing at Government expense for anti-malaria purposes amounted to about 5,000,000 square feet in Hongkong, Kowloon, and the New Territories. In addition about 65,000 square feet were cleared at the cost of private individuals.

Clearing for Survey Purposes.—Over 1,000,000 square feet were cleared at the request of the Public Works Department for survey purposes.

The Cultivation.—At the request of the District Officer I visited the tea plantation near the Lead Mine Pass in the New Territories to see the process of curing as practised by the grower. The tea grown at this place has a very bitter flavour, which is evidently due to the way in which it is cured. Suggestions were made as to the best way of reducing the bitterness.

During the year a sum of \$20,266.09 was paid to the Star Ferry Company, \$5,633.04 of this amount being in respect of traffic from 1st February, 1915, to 28th February, 1916.

The local goods traffic revenue is slightly below that of 1915. The increase under sundry traffic is due to the inclusion of rent collected in respect of receipts for the year were \$268,315.67 as against \$242,760.08, or an increase of \$25,555.59, and the working expenses \$206,601.63, or \$57,434 less. The balance after paying working expenses stands at \$59,524.04 or \$23,020.53 more than the previous year.

The results of the past 5 years are as follows:—

No accidents occurred on the British Section to the Travelling Public or to railway servants during the year, but two Chinese were killed while trespassing on the railway.

(Other Local News will be found on Page 6.)

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THE STEAM LAUNDRY CO., LTD.

THE FIFTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of Sir C. P. Chater, C.M.G., on SATURDAY, 18th August, 1917, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors with a Statement of Accounts to 31st May, 1917.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th August to 20th August, both days inclusive.
C. BERNARD BROWN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 3rd August, 1917. [913]

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED

(Incorporated in Hongkong.)

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Head Office of the Company, No. 3 and 4, Queen's Buildings, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 16th day of August, 1917, at 12.15 o'clock p.m., when the subjoined Resolution duly passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting convened for that purpose and held on the 19th day of July, 1917, will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution:—
"That the provisions of the Company's Memorandum of Association with respect to its objects be altered so as to read as shown in the print signed for the purpose of identification by the Chairman of this Meeting."

Should the above Resolution be confirmed as a Special Resolution by the requisite majority the alterations in the Company's Memorandum of Association consequently involved will be submitted to the Supreme Court of Hongkong for confirmation.
A print of the Memorandum as proposed to be altered can be seen at the Head Office of the Company.
Dated this 4th day of August, 1917.
C. H. F. HAY,
per pro. General Manager. [914]

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE will be CLOSED on MONDAY, the 6th of August, 1917, BANK HOLIDAY.
By Order of the Committee.
R. HANCOCK,
Secretary. [911]

BANK HOLIDAY

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912 the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on MONDAY, the 6th instant.
Hongkong, 1st August, 1917. [898]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Certificate No. 3482 dated Hongkong 19th February, 1900, for 50 Shares numbered 54319 to 54243, 19003 to 10207, 52544 to 52849, 4188 to 4180 and 4581 to 4583 and Provisional Certificate No. 43757 dated Hongkong, 23rd July, 1907, for 25 Shares numbered 88206 to 88230, all Registered in the name of Sir CARL MEYER, Bart., have been LOST or STOLEN, and should this Certificate and this Provisional Certificate not be produced to the Bank before the 2nd September, 1917, new Certificates for the Shares will be issued and the aforesaid Certificate No. 3482 and Provisional Certificate No. 43757 will thereafter be treated by this Corporation as Null and Void.
By Order of the Court of Directors,
N. J. STABE,
Chief Manager. [901]
Hongkong, 1st August, 1917.

THE HONGKONG COTTON SPINNING WEAVING AND DYEING COMPANY, LIMITED

(In Liquidation.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the above-named Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 13th day of August, 1917, at Noon.

AGENDA.

- 1.—For the purpose of having in pursuance of Section 188 of Ordinance No. 53 of 1911 of Hongkong an account laid before the Members showing the manner in which the winding up has been conducted and of the property of the Company disposed of and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Liquidator.
- 2.—To propose an Extraordinary Resolution sanctioning a Final return to the Members as follows:—
"That a Final return by the Liquidator of Nine Cents Hongkong Currency per Share to the persons who are Registered as Members of the Company on the 7th day of August, 1917, be and the same hereby be sanctioned."
- 3.—To determine by Extraordinary Resolution the manner in which the books and accounts of the Company and of the Liquidator thereof shall be disposed of.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 7th August, 1917, to TUESDAY, the 21st August, 1917, both days inclusive.
Dated the Second day of July, 1917.
C. BERNARD BROWN,
Liquidator. [890]

INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG TRAMWAY COMPANY, LIMITED

(Incorporated in the United Kingdom.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an INTERIM DIVIDEND at the rate of 9 per cent. for the year ending 31st December, 1917, has been declared. The Dividend will be Payable on and after WEDNESDAY, the 15th day of August, 1917, to Shareholders on the Register on SATURDAY, the 4th day of August, 1917, and will be paid to Shareholders on the Colonial (Hongkong) Register at exchange of 2/8 per Dollar.
By Order of the Board.
W. E. ROBERTS,
Secretary. [889]
Hongkong, 23rd July, 1917.

KULANGSU MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AMOY.

APPLICATIONS are invited for the position of "INSPECTOR OF POLICE" to the KULANGSU MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, Amoy.

Applicants should state their age, whether married or single, and should give full particulars on the subject of their previous experience.

A knowledge of Police duties and Hindustani are essential qualifications. Copies only of testimonials need be sent in with the application.

The successful candidate will assume office on the 1st November, 1917.

The maximum salary to be paid to such "Inspector of Police" shall be \$50.00 Amoy currency per month with an annual increase of \$25.00 per month to a final maximum of \$300.00 per month.

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Applications must be endorsed "APPOINTMENT OF POLICE INSPECTOR," addressed to the Chairman, KULANGSU MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, Amoy, and should reach Amoy not later than September 30th, 1917.

By Order of the Council.
T. W. DOBSON,
Secretary, K.M.C. [878]

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MARRIAGE.

SILVA-HOYES.—At the Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Shanghai, on July 28th, F. A. da SILVA, to DAISY MAY HOYES.

DEATHS.

MEDHURST.—At Merstham, on 2nd Aug., GEORGE H. MEDHURST, Director of Dodwell & Co., Ltd. [910]
THOMAS.—At London, on July 19th, Captain CHARLES EDWARD LLOYD THOMAS, R.N., in his 40th year, younger son of THOMAS THOMAS, No. 6, Bluff, Yokohama.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 10A, DES VOGES ROAD, C. LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, 4TH AUGUST, 1917.

A SKELETON BILL.

We hope that when the Compulsory Military Service Bill comes up for second reading the unofficial members of the Legislative Council will insist upon the Government making a clear statement of the precise objects which the measure is intended to serve. There is nothing to indicate that it is a temporary measure designed to meet the special circumstances created by the war; on the contrary the Bill provides that every person who becomes a member of the Defence Corps shall continue to be a member "until he is discharged, or dismissed or exempted." All British male subjects between the ages of eighteen and fifty-five, who are ordinarily resident in Hongkong, will be liable to military service in the Colony, with certain exceptions that are specified and such others as the Governor-in-Council may see fit to make. It is not, however, intended at present to call up men other than those of British race, at any rate in large numbers, though the offer of their services will, as hitherto, be welcomed. Subject to any regulations which may be framed by the Governor-in-Council, the provisions of the Army Act will apply to all the members of the Hongkong Defence Corps, thus formed, but the confirmation of His Excellency will be required before any sentence of a Court Martial can be carried into execution. What change it is intended to introduce by this we cannot imagine, for we were under the impression that the local Volunteers were already

subject to the Army Act, and that it was by virtue of this fact that some of them had been tried by Court Martial for breach of discipline. Nor can we discern the reason why the age-limit has been placed as high as fifty-five, in view of the fact that in Great Britain it is forty-one for the Army and only fifty for the new Volunteer force for Home Defence.

Certainly it cannot be argued that the climatic conditions in Hongkong are more favourable to the preservation of youthfulness than those which obtain in the temperate zone. At all events fifty-five is the age at which Civil Servants in this Colony are at liberty to retire on pension. Obviously it is not expected that the Bill will make any material addition to the numerical strength of the local defence force. So much was admitted by H.E. the Governor in his dispatch to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on April 11th. The idea is, apparently, that it will conduce to increased efficiency, though no explanation is given on this point beyond the vague announcement that some re-organization of the existing Volunteer force is contemplated by the Governor-in-Council.

The necessity for this is generally recognised, and the fact that it has only just dawned upon the authorities after three years of war proves, in the words of the Prime Minister, that "we are a slow people, not quick in the uptake." While, however, it may be conceded that there is room for improvement in the local Auxiliary forces it is not apparent, as we have said, how this is to be secured. It seems rather late in the day to make heavier demands upon the European commercial community, who have already

occurred at Merstham on the 2nd inst. of Mr. George H. Medhurst, an old and well-known resident of Hongkong. He joined the firm of Messrs. Dodwell & Co. in 1892 and came to this Colony in 1901. On his retirement from the management of the firm in 1912 he was succeeded by the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell. During his residence here Mr. Medhurst was on the directorate of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., the Wharf and Godown Co., the Union Insurance of Canton, and other local undertakings, and was a member of the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

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An extraordinary general meeting of the British Traders' Insurance Company, Ltd., will be held at the head office of the Company on Thursday, August 16th at 12.15 p.m.

Major G. Badham-Thornhill, D.S.O., R.G.A., formerly in Hongkong, and more recently Staff Officer to the Colonial Forces in Singapore, has been appointed Acting Lieut.-Colonel in the Royal Field Artillery.

There will be a special Service of Intercession at St. Peter's Church tomorrow (Sunday) at 11 a.m. The collection will be on behalf of the Missions to Seamen and will be sent to the head office of the Society in London.

Ticket No. 86, drawn last evening, won the case of butterflies presented by R. S. M. Tatlow, R.G.A. The proceeds of the raffle, amounting to £24 3s. 4d., will be forwarded to the St. Dunstan Home for Blind Soldiers and Sailors.

Presumably owing to the recent disclosures showing the difficulty which Service men in the Colony experience in making both ends meet, it is now announced that they will be allowed to send letters to the United Kingdom, etc., free of postage.

Although the inclement weather interfered materially with the activities of the Rambling Section of the Middlesex Regiment, the number of individual trips made by the troops at Mount Austin and Victoria during July was 985. The light refreshments and other facilities for the outings are provided by the Services' Entertainment Committee.

As already announced, a special Service of Intercession in connection with the War will be held in St. John's Cathedral tomorrow (Sunday) at 11 a.m. H. E. the Governor and H. E. the General will attend. The Lord Bishop of Victoria will preach. Seatholders are requested to be in their seats five minutes before the service; after that, all seats will be free, except those reserved for the Naval and Military Services. A collection will be made for the Prisoners-of-War Fund.

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HONGKONG MAGISTRACY.

YOUTH IN TROUBLE.

Before Mr. Dyer Ball, a well-dressed Chinese youth was charged with stealing \$80 in banknotes from another youth. Mr. Beamis appeared to defend, and defendant, who pleaded not guilty, was remanded, bail being fixed at \$200.

LIGHTER AND A STEAMER.

The master of a lighter belonging to the Hongkong and Canton Tug and Lighter Co. was charged before Mr. Wood with an offence against the regulations of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co.

It was stated that the defendant was waiting at the Company's Wharves with his lighter for a steamer to come alongside. The man was ordered by Mr. Heron, one of the officers of the Company, to get away. He ignored the instructions, and did not move until the ship was actually berthed.

Defendant said he was prepared to leave when ordered, but the lighter was not easy to manage and a strong tide was pressing the lighter against the side of the wharf.

Mr. Allen, manager of the lighter steamer, said the lighter was loading steel bars and as the time for taking delivery expired on August 1st they wanted to get the cargo otherwise they would have had to pay three cents per cubic foot on 221 tons. The defendant was trying to move the lighter when ordered, but was prevented from doing so owing to the proximity of other lighters.

Mr. Wood said he thought the order should have been obeyed, and imposed a fine of \$20.

AN AMATEUR DETECTIVE.

On Tuesday afternoon an assistant shroff employed at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank was proceeding to his home with his wages, \$45 in notes, in his coat pocket. As he was turning the corner of D'Aguilar Street, and all unknown to him, a Chinese picked his pocket. When the shroff arrived home he was proceeding to place his wages in his money-box when he discovered that the notes had vanished.

It so happened that a young marine hawker saw the incident and

THE WAR.

HEAVY FIGHTING IN FLANDERS.

GERMAN LOSSES "MUST BE COLOSSAL."

THE WAR SITUATION REVIEWED.

RUSSIA'S POSITION EXPLAINED CONFIDENT TONE.

Franco-Belgian Front.

LATEST CABLES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

DESPERATE GERMAN COUNTER-ATTACKS.

FEROCIOUS HAND-TO-HAND FIGHTING.

LONDON, August 3rd.

Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters writes as follows: The semi-winter weather continues. The low, leaden sky and dense drizzle is imposing the very maximum of difficulties upon the operations. Notwithstanding there has been much severe fighting in the past 24 hours. The Germans are manifestly seriously perturbed by our gaining so much high ground along the Pilken Ridge. They launched several desperate counter-attacks, and although these were repeatedly checked by our intense artillery-fire, yet at places they reached the stage of hand-to-hand fighting of a ferocious character. The Hun is clearly throwing in their best stormtroopers to try to retrieve the situation.

GERMAN BACK-SNIPING.

TUESDAY'S BATTLE.

LONDON, August 3rd.

Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters, writing in the afternoon, and filling in the details of Tuesday's battle, says:—Infantry waves pushed in the dark, undetected, parties of Germans crouching in shell-holes. Consequently, they suffered from back-sniping. He declares that the Germans often deliberately shot the wounded. The enemy unsuccessfully resorted to the device of wiring over shell holes. The fighting was very stiff at Holbeke. Machine-guns, advantageously placed, proved the greatest obstacle to the Germans, who declined to emerge from their concrete dug-outs. Consequently, their casualties were extremely heavy.

The correspondent mentions that the enemy frequently determinedly counter-attacked unsuccessfully at La Basse Ville, which is a very definite stepping-stone towards Lille. The correspondent also instances a number of splendid feats by airmen, who fought as low as 200 feet in consequence of the lowness of the clouds. He also pays a tribute to the wonderful efficiency of the medical organisation.

VIOLENT ENEMY ATTACKS

REPULSED BY BRITISH

LONDON, August 2nd.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—The enemy, in the morning and afternoon, violently and unsuccessfully attempted to recover ground north-eastward of Ypres. Strong forces repeatedly attacked, regardless of the increasing severity of the losses, the positions between the Ypres-Roulers railway, and St. Julien. We, in every case, broke up and dispersed the advancing lines. We raided north-eastward of Gougeon Court, and inflicted many casualties.

HEAVY ARTILLERYING.

PARIS, August 2nd.

A communiqué says:—The bad weather continues in Belgium. There was great artillerying east of Braylennois and west of Craonne. A violent artillery struggle is proceeding on the left bank of the Meuse. The Germans, without result, re-attacked the sector of Avocourt Wood.

DOMINATING ARTILLERY

WORK.

FRENCH AERIAL ACHIEVEMENTS.

PARIS, August 2nd.

A communiqué says: The Belgian artillery is dominating the German artillery, whose activity is greater east and north of Bixchoote. We prevented any attempted attack and stopped two enemy attacks east of Cerny. There was reciprocal artillerying on the left of the Meuse. Between the 21st and 31st July we brought down 20 aeroplanes and two balloons, and caused 21 aeroplanes to descend. Ten flying squadrons threw 41,000 kilograms of projectiles over stations at Roulers, Metz, Thionville and elsewhere, besides on factories, cantonments, bixomes and munition depots, causing considerable damage.

EARLIER CABLES.

THE ALLIED OFFENSIVE.

FRENCH ORGANISING NEW

POSITIONS.

PARIS, August 2nd.

A communiqué says:—In Belgium there is persistent rain. Our troops continue to organise the positions won north of the Aisne. There is reciprocal artillery activity in the Craonne-Hurtubise sector. The Germans made an attack west of Cerny, and were repulsed. We took thirty prisoners. There is an artillery duel to the right of the Meuse. ENEMY'S TEMPORARY SUCCESS. LONDON, August 2nd.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports: For forty-eight hours there has been incessant rain. The enemy, yesterday afternoon, succeeded, at great cost, in obtaining a foothold in our advanced positions near the Ypres-Roulers Railway. Our counter-attack drove him out at all points, completely re-establishing our former line. We successfully raided south-east of Hargicourt.

ALLIED CONFIDENCE.

LONDON, August 2nd.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig has telegraphed General Petain paying tribute to the ability and ardour of the French Army commanded by General Anthoine, whose success assured the Allied flank and largely contributed to today's success. General Petain replied:—The success of the combined attacks which you directed is shedding a fresh glory on the British flag and strengthens the mutual confidence of the Anglo-French armies.

TERRIFIC ARTILLERY.

LONDON, August 2nd.

Reuter's correspondent at the French Headquarters in Flanders, wiring on July 31st, says:—So terrific was our artillery activity that the Germans abandoned their first and second lines on the Yser Canal on July 28th, and allowed the French to occupy them. Their subsequent attempt to recover them was an utter failure. The ground where the French are consolidating is most flat and so wet that it is most difficult to entrench. Great shell craters fill with water under the eyes of the observers. The most notable feature of the battle was the appalling preparation, in accordance with General Petain's cherished idea that the Allied game must be five times that of the Germans. The same correspondent, wiring on August 1st, says that the battle maintains predominantly an artillery character. The hapless German infantry must have been practically unprotected, as dug-outs and even deep trenches are impossible in the water-logged country. Hence numbers dead are being found.

GUN-POWER.

LONDON, August 2nd.

Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters says:—Our preponderance of gun-power enables us to keep up a steady barrage on the German rear through which reinforcement and reliefs have to come before an attack can be organised. The enemy artillery has been concentrating on sectors. The wretched weather prevents the airmen from directing the counter-battery work to any extent. It is very hard to get definite news of what is happening in the thunderous, crimson-tinted haze shrouding the battle front.

The fact is again illustrated that whatever side dominates in gun-power gets the fullest value out of its infantry. For example, on Tuesday our troops had comparatively little fighting but it was when the lay of the ground rendered effective artillery support difficult or impossible that the resistance was really stubborn.

GERMAN CLAIMS.

LONDON, August 2nd.

A German official wireless message states:—We repulsed the enemy in Flanders everywhere in heavy fighting, frequently pushing forward our battle-lines by counter-attacks and taking several hundred prisoners. We repulsed five French attacks on the Chemin des Dames. The French fruitlessly attacked on the west bank of the Meuse. The prisoners captured yesterday now number 750.

ANNIVERSARY MESSAGES.

PARIS, August 2nd.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, in a message to General Petain, on the occasion of the third anniversary of the war, expresses the Army's profound admiration of the French Army's magnificent courage. The bonds of friendship have been tightened by the certainty of final victory and triumph of a just cause. General Petain replied: The success which have been obtained under your high command by the Anglo-French Armies gloriously testify the strength of the links which will unite the armies until a decision is secured.

Russian Front.

EARLIER CABLES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

ENEMY OFFENSIVE.

RUSSIANS ABANDONING

POSITIONS.

LONDON, August 2nd.

A Russian official wireless message states: Between the Zhurav and the Dniester, our troops abandoned positions to the north-west of Khotin and between the Dniester and the Puth. The enemy assumed the offensive along our bank of the Dniester and occupied a number of positions. We are retiring to the east and have fallen back west of the Putna River. We drove back the enemy near Moldavica and took 154 prisoners. We fell back slightly in the region of Mounts Paucha and Lamutelu.

General.

LATEST CABLES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

BRAVERY IN THE FIELD.

AWARD OF V. C.'S.

LONDON, August 2nd.

The following have been awarded V. C.'s:—Second Lieut. J. S. DUNVILLE, late of the Dragoons. He set a magnificent example of courage, determination and devotion to duty when in charge of a party who were destroying barbed wire. Despite being severely wounded, he took up an exposed protecting position ensuring the success of the raid. He has since succumbed to his wounds. Second Lieut. T. H. B. MAUVE, of the Artillery, under intense artillerying he repaired, unaided, his own battery to open fire. Subsequently he prevented disaster by extinguishing a fire in the ammunition dump, regardless of risk from gas-shells, which he knew were there.

Second Lieut. F. B. WEARNE, late of the Essex Regt. In attacking he gained the objective and, by magnificent daring, maintained the position. Seeing a critical situation he jumped the parapet of the trench, firing and bombing the enemy and throwing them back in disorder. He remained directing operations, despite being severely wounded. Subsequently he was mortally hit.

CONFIDENCE IN FRENCH

GOVERNMENT.

WAR AIMS.

PARIS, August 3rd.

In the Chamber, M. Ribot, replying to interpellations criticising the Government's policy, re-emphasized the necessity for the restoration of Alsace-Lorraine, and compensation for the damage done by Germans in France. He declared that Socialists, by going to Stockholm, would be merely mandatories of the Kaiser. The Chamber passed a vote of confidence in the Government by 392 votes to 61.

GERMANY AND SPAIN.

AMSTERDAM, August 3rd.

A message from Berlin says that the Government has protested to Spain against the submarine decree.

AMERICAN LABOUR TO IGNORE STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE.

LONDON, August 2nd.

The Anglo-French Trade Unionists, Mr. Appleton and M. Joubaux respectively, telegraphed Mr. Gompers asking whether the American Federation of Labour would be represented at the Stockholm conference.

WHY M. LACAZE RESIGNED.

PARIS, August 3rd.

M. Lacaze resigned because he objected to the demand of the Chamber that the Navy Committee be empowered to inquire into naval matters.

ANOTHER RESIGNATION.

PARIS, August 3rd.

M. Teyssy Cochon, Foreign Under Secretary, has resigned.

THE FINNISH DIET.

PETROGRAD, August 3rd.

The Government has ordered the dissolution of the Finnish Diet, and has fixed the new elections for two months' hence.

ALLIES' CONFERENCE.

LONDON, August 3rd.

Mr. Lloyd George, Count Sonnino, General Smuts, Lord Robert Cecil, Mr. Bonar Law and the Russian representatives have left for the south-west coast to attend the Allies' Conference.

LOOKING AFTER BELGIUM.

LONDON, August 3rd.

The Government has appointed representatives from the Foreign Office, the Board of Trade, and the commercial community, to promote trade between the British Empire and Belgium.

EARLIER CABLES.

SITUATION IN RUSSIA.

REASSURING MESSAGE TO THE

ALLIES.

PETROGRAD, August 2nd.

The Foreign Minister has circulated the Allies. He declares that the necessary steps have been taken to restore the combat strength of the armies. The Government will not be deterred by any difficulties from prosecuting the war to a final triumph for the principles of the Russian Revolution, knowing that their liberty and that of all mankind depends upon it. Reorganised and regenerated armies will, at the appointed hour, resume the onward march of victory.

THE OUTLOOK EXPLAINED.

PETROGRAD, August 2nd.

The circular states:—The moment has come when new and grave misfortunes are threatening Russia, and we consider it our duty to give the Allies, who have shared with us our burden and trials of the past, a firm and definite explanation of our view-point regarding the conduct of the war. The greatness of the task of the Russian Revolution corresponds in magnitude with the upheaval it has caused in the life of the entire governmental system, and it could not be effected without serious disorders. Nevertheless, Russia is convinced that there was no other means of safety than continued common action at the front with the Allies in an offensive. We have encountered insurmountable obstacles both at the front and in the interior. Enemy agents made use of criminal propaganda, and irresponsible elements were provoked to revolt in Petrograd. Part of the troops at the front were seduced by the same propaganda and forgot their duty to their country. This facilitated the enemy in piercing the front, but the Russian people have shown an unshakable will that the revolt shall be crushed and the organizers brought to justice. The Government intends to bring to a successful end the task of establishing an administration capable of meeting all dangers and guiding the country along the path of regeneration. The country will continue with renewed courage, the great work of restoration and preparation for the coming campaign. We are on the threshold of the fourth year of war, and we firmly believe that Russian citizens will combine all their efforts in defending their beloved country against the enemy. We are convinced that the retreat of our armies is only temporary, and that they will victoriously finish the great work for which they were compelled to take up arms.

NEW GENERALISSIMO.

PETROGRAD, August 2nd.

General Brusiloff has resigned and General Korniloff has been appointed Generalissimo. General Tcheremissoff has been appointed Commander-in-Chief on the South-Western Front.

BRITAIN AND STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE.

LONDON, August 2nd.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Wilson, Mr. Fox and others, Mr. Bonar Law emphasised that no Government representative would attend the Stockholm Conference, and it did not depend on the Government, but upon the Labour Party, whether they approved of such a conference. Personally he hoped they would not, and probably the Government would not allow anyone to attend the Conference, but, in any case, the question would be most carefully considered.

PARIS PASSPORTS.

LONDON, August 2nd.

In the House of Commons, Lord Robert Cecil stated that the passports for Mr. Henderson and Mr. Ramsay MacDonald were endorsed on July 26th for France at the request of Mr. Henderson. The War Cabinet was informed and decided that it would not be right to withhold the passports in the circumstances.

THE MILITARY SITUATION INTERESTING SUMMING UP.

LONDON, August 2nd.

General Maurice, Director of Military Operations of the General Staff, summed up the situation to a Press representative as follows:—In Flanders, Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig is pursuing his plans in confining operations to fixed objectives, determined by the power of artillery, thus gaining ground with a minimum of casualties. On one-third of the front of the present attack, namely the south, we have not secured all we wanted. On one third, namely the extreme north, we went beyond our objectives, but in the centre for six hundred yards we did not quite reach our objectives. We had six times as many troops engaged as the French, and the English units outnumbered the overseas units by four to one. The situation in Galicia has placed greater burdens on the rest of the Allies and the war has been lengthened. In the broadest strategic aspect the Russian front is so wide that it would take a very big break to affect materially the situation of the whole front which there is no reason to anticipate, provided the Russians hold now, but further retreats may affect the rest of the front. The most we can hope for now is that the Russians will get together and reorganise. I do not expect an effective offensive for some time. The Roumanian movement is part of the Russian offensive. The Army has definitely recovered and shown that it can act effectively. But it would not be prudent to anticipate big efforts by Roumania while Russia is unable to co-operate.

GOVERNMENT AND SILVER.

PRESENT METHODS APPROVED.

LONDON, August 1st.

Replying in the House of Commons to Mr. Gershon Stewart, as to whether the Government would arrange for the purchase of all silver requirements whatsoever, either through the Bank of England or special committees of bankers, Mr. Bonar Law said in view of the high price, and in order to co-ordinate Government requirements, the present practice was for representatives of Departments requiring silver for themselves or the Allied Governments to meet weekly and settle in consultation with brokers, the total Government purchases required for the ensuing week. That procedure worked well, and there was no reason to alter it.

BRAVE COLONIALS

AWARD OF V. C.'S.

LONDON, August 2nd.

Stirring stories of extraordinary gallantry and heroism are related in the Gazette in connection with the latest Victoria Cross awards, which include six to men of Imperial Regiments, two to Australians, one to a New Zealander and one to a Canadian. The following are typical cases:—Captain R. C. GRIFFIN, of the Australians, during an attack in the face of heavy artillery and machine-gun fire, after all the officers had been wounded and the company had suffered very heavy casualties, he, single-handed, located two machine-guns and, despite a continuous fire from them, bombed and killed both crews. He re-organised the remnants of the company, which gained the original objective. Finally, he fell wounded.

Lance Corporal S. FRICKLETON, of the New Zealand Forces.—The assaulting troops were checked by a heavy fire, when he dashed forward to head his section. Although wounded, he went into our own barrage and personally bombed and destroyed a machine-gun crew. He then attacked a second gun, killing the crew of twelve, thereby saving his own and other units. His magnificent courage ensured the capture of the objective.

THE POTSDAM COUNCIL

MEETING.

LONDON, August 2nd.

In the House of Commons, in connection with the Potsdam Council meeting of July 5th, 1914, Lord Robert Cecil stated that the Government's information indicated that the Central Powers in July, 1914, decided on a policy which in their opinion would almost certainly lead to war against Russia and consequently against France.

ALLIED SHIPPING.

LONDON, August 2nd.

During the week ending July 29th, the Italian shipping arrivals were 610 and the sailings 536. The sinkings were four small sailing ships. The French arrivals were 1,068 and the sailings 1,072. The sinkings were two over and one under 1,900 tons.

U. S. LOANS TO BRITAIN

AND FRANCE.

WASHINGTON, August 2nd.

The Government has loaned to Britain and France thirty-seven and thirty-two millions sterling respectively to cover their needs in American markets during August.

FRENCH NAVAL MINISTER

RESIGNS.

PARIS, August 2nd.

Admiral Lacaze, the Minister for the Navy, has resigned.

HOME RACING.

THE OAKS.

LONDON, August 2nd.

The Oaks resulted as follows:—1. Sunny Jane, 2. Diadem, 3. Moravia. Eleven ran; won by half a length, four lengths separating second and third. The betting was:—4 to 1 Sunny Jane; 5 to 4 Diadem; 100 to 8 Moravia. The place betting was:—5 to 2 Moravia; others proportionate.

CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

(BY COURTESY OF THE "CHUNG NGOI SAN PO.")

LI YUAN-HUNG REFUSES PRESIDENCY.

SHANGHAI, August 3rd.

Li Yuan-hung has returned to his house to meet Feng Kuo-chung, who has persuaded him to resume the Presidency. Li Yuan-hung refused, but he was not allowed to leave Peking, and after the meeting, he went into hospital.

GERMAN-CHINESE BANK.

The German-Chinese bank has suspended payment.

A SOLDIER FAMILY.

An account of the funeral of a Crimean officer veteran at South Sea recently included the following passage:—The fast dwindling ranks of the Crimean Veterans' Association was evidenced by the presence of only one veteran, Gunner Tom Pitt, R.M.A., who wore his active service honours. It is of interest to know that the Crimean veteran referred to is the father of Sgt. Tom Pitt, of the Hongkong Police Force. Sgt. Pitt has two brothers over 50 years of age at present serving in the R.M.A., and a third brother, close upon 50 years of age, has recently been invalided out of the same regiment as the result of sustaining a broken arm by being thrown from his horse. For ten years, also, Sgt. Pitt was in the R.M.A.

THE NEW TERRITORIES.

NO SERIOUS CRIME AND NO

ACTUAL WANT.

In his report on the northern district of the new territories for the year 1916, Mr. S. B. C. Ross says:—

IGNORANCE OF THE WAR. The war continued to exercise practically no influence on the people of the district. There are no local newspapers from which they could follow the course of events, even if they could read, which the vast majority of them cannot. The only purveyors of war news are the occasional firemen and stokers who return to their homes from foreign parts, and it is probable that their views on the war are not very illuminating. With the exception of kerosene, the war does not affect the price of local commodities.

INCREASE IN THE COST OF LIVING. There has, however, been a considerable increase in the cost of living. I estimate that the cost of living in Tai Po market is now 50 per cent. higher than it was ten years ago. Prices of some of my clients' rents ten years ago at \$4 a month now cost \$7.00. Pork is six cents a catty dearer than it was and the cost of white has gone up 2 cents a catty. Fish, owing to the railway, has become dear and difficult to get. All good fish goes to Hongkong by train and if one wishes to buy good fish locally it can only be obtained at Hongkong prices. Wages have also risen. The accountant of a shop in the market who used to receive a salary of \$150 a year with board and lodging now receives \$200, and the wages of coolies have also increased. There can be no doubt that there is more money in the Territory than there used to be ten years ago, and the largely increased sales of aerated waters and foreign cigarettes point to a general rise in the standard of luxury.

A PAID WORM. The first crop of rice was fair, but the second crop partially failed; in all districts the failure was about 30 per cent. of the crop and in some amounted to as much as 40 per cent. Landlords had in consequence to reduce their rents and the managers of loan associations in which payment is made in padi did not call for any biddings after the second crop, this is always a certain sign of a bad year, for it means that the people have no spare padi with which to pay their contributions to the loan association. The failure of the second crop was partly due to lack of rain and partly to the appearance of a minute worm which destroyed the crop. I tried to obtain specimens of this pest but was unfortunately too late to do so. The animal is well-known by name, but is said not to have appeared in the district for fifty years. Whether he is really an arithmetical monster, as some affirm, and reappears with regularity at the second crop every fifty years, I am unable to say, but he is a gourmet and feeds only on the best variety of padi, the stalk of which he attacks and causes it to become blighted and unable to bear a head of grain.

NO SERIOUS CRIME AND NO ACTUAL WANT. On the whole in spite of the bad crop, it may be said that the year was prosperous. The Crown rent and other dues were paid without a murmur and with practically no arrears, and as far as the people of the territory were concerned there was no serious crime and no actual want.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The following telegram was received by the American Consulate-General at 4:35 p.m. yesterday:—

Cyclonic or typhoon, east of Hanoi Channel; direction unknown.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN FOR THE

FRONT.

Charlie Chaplin, credited with being the highest salaried comedian in the world, has been forced to forego signing a new contract with the Mutual Film Corporation because of the war situation. He received notice from the British Consul at Los Angeles that the Empire was seeking all its subjects of military age for war and he promptly renounced Chaplin was born in England and is still a British subject.

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SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	KITANO MARU	SUNDAY, 20th
	Capt. Cope	Aug. at 11 A.M.

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